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Alfa Romeo Brera to debut at Geneva

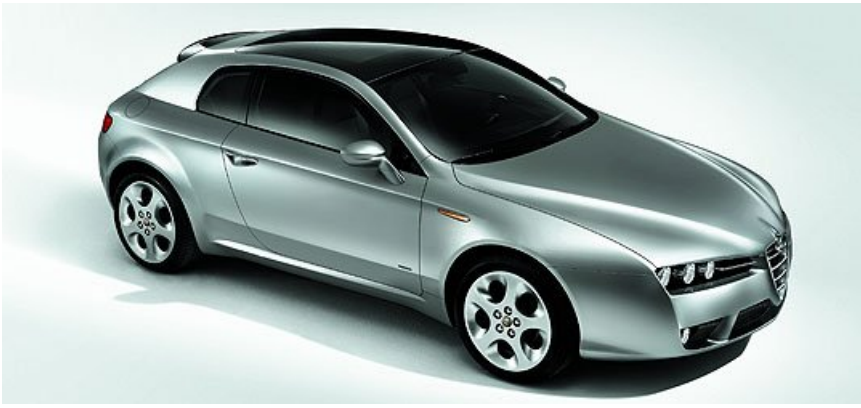


The new Alfa Romeo Brera is to make its debut at the 2005 Geneva Motor Show, the venue chosen for the first public appearance in 2002 of the original Giorgetto-Giugiaro designed concept car, which has gone on to gain international acclaim.

Due to go on sale by year's end, the new Alfa Romeo Brera encapsulates those characteristics most synonymous with the brand - sportiness and elegance - in a unique and exclusive style. The harmony of Brera's shape and size, allied to the outstanding engineering and driveability of an Alfa Romeo, makes for a car which is beautiful, strong and sturdy, a car which sets the standards for all coupés.



Brera is a 2+2 of generous dimensions: 1830mm wide, 4414mm in length and 1372mm high, although the deeply tapered front and rear styling creates the impression of a very compact car. The interior has an ambience that is both cosy and sophisticated. This comes from the use of high quality materials and the introduction of some novel ideas such as the wide glass fixed roof that creates more natural interior light for passengers adding to the sensation of spaciousness inside while also giving the car a streamlined appearance from the outside.



Available in three levels of trim, Brera also offers customers a choice of a 2.4 JTD 240 bhp turbo-diesel power-unit and two petrol engines (the 185 bhp 2.2 JTS or the 260 bhp 3.2) coupled to either an automatic transmission or a 6-speed manual gearbox depending on the version. Together with all the delights one expects in an Alfa Romeo, this new car delivers outstanding dynamic performance thanks to the use of quadrilateral front suspension and Multilink rear suspension. Along with the excellent driving experience, comfort is further enhanced by the integral 'Alfa Q4' traction control system fitted to some versions. Brera offers the most sophisticated electronic systems to monitor and control key dynamic parameters of braking and roadholding to deliver greater driving safety.

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